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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS TREATMENT OF LEBANESE SITUATION

SOVIET PRESS COVERAGE OF LEBANESE SITUATION HAS BEEN RELATIVELY BRIEF WITH FACTUAL REPORTING DESIGNED TO GIVE APPEARANCE OF OBJECTIVITY. NEVERTHELESS, MOSCOW'S PRO- PALESTINIAN SYMPATHIES HAVE BEGUN TO EMERGE WITH PRAVDA MAY 9 AND 10 NOTING LEBANESE ARMY AND AIRFORCE ATTACKS ON PALESTINIAN REFUGEE VILLAGES, ALONG WITH AREPORT OF SYRIAN " CONDEMNATION OF ACTIONS BY LEBANESE AUTHORITIES AGAINST PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT." WHILE DIRECT SOVIET CRITICISM OF LEBANESE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN AVOIDED THUS FAR, PRESS REFERENCE TO " CONTINUOUS LOW- FLYING AIR ATTACKS" BY LEBANESE FIGHTERS CAUSING " HEAVY CASUALTIES" POINTS UP MOSCOW'S LESS- THAN- NEUTRAL ATTITUDE IN CONFLICT.

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